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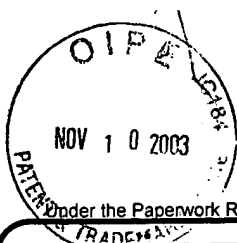
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Independent Claims	-3** =	X	
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
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1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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# PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 09/855,203

Group Art Unit No.: 1733

Filing Date: May 14, 2001

Examiner: A. Johnstone

Inventors: Chase et al.

Title: Vehicle Wheel Construction Process

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ An additional fee is required.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Independent Claims	* 1	Minus	** 4	= 0

- ☐ First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim

### SMALL ENTITY

### OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

Dependent  
Independent  
Multiple Dependent

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x 39 = \$	
+ 130 = \$	
TOTAL FEE	\$

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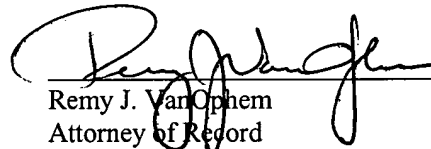
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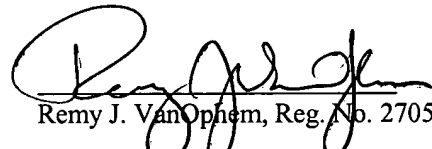
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